



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket No. NHTSA–2015–0017]

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections. This document describes the collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number NHTSA–2015–0017 using any of the following methods:

Electronic submissions: Go to [http:// www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Fax: 1- (202) 493-2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the Docket number for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kathy Sifrit, Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NTI-132), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W46-472, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Sifrit's phone number is (202) 366-0868 and her email address is kathy.sifrit@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the Federal Register providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following: (i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii)

how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Older Drivers' Self-Regulation and Exposure

Type of Request—New information collection requirement.

OMB Clearance Number—None.

Form Number—NHTSA 1295.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval—3 years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information—The National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration (NHTSA) proposes to collect information from licensed drivers about their age, driver license status, driving habits, vehicle type and age, and the extent to which they self-limit their driving exposure. Participation in the study will be voluntary. Drivers will volunteer for the study by responding to an emailed or individually-delivered descriptive solicitation or as a result of reading a call for volunteers in a publication or on a poster. The drivers will be asked a brief series of questions to determine eligibility to participate in a study of the extent to which older adults (60 years of age and older) self-limit their driving exposure as a function of their medical/cognitive condition and/or their driving performance. A project assistant will then describe the proposed study to those respondents who qualify for the study and answer all questions that the drivers may have. Each driver who meets the criteria for selection will then be asked if he or she consents to participate. If yes, a project assistant will then determine the

willingness of the respondent to permit the installation of data recording equipment in their primary vehicle and to participate in the data collection activities. Each participant will be asked to agree to take a battery of standard clinical functional measures as well as permitting the instrumentation of their vehicle to obtain objective measures of driving performance and exposure. The instrumentation will either be plug-in or standalone and will not damage the vehicle or hamper a driver's ability to control it.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information—NHTSA

was established to reduce the number of deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on the Nation's highways. As part of this statutory mandate, NHTSA is authorized to conduct research as a foundation for the development of motor vehicle standards and traffic safety programs. As drivers age, their crash risk generally goes up unless they voluntarily limit their exposure to high-risk situations or are subject to mandatory driving restrictions. Little is known about the extent to which older drivers actually self-limit their driving as a function of their individual need for limitation. This study will add to the state of knowledge by systematically examining the effects of age, functional status, and driving skill on older drivers' choices as to where and when to drive.

Description of the Likely Respondents *(Including Estimated Number, and Proposed*

Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)— Respondents will include up to 300 drivers 60 years old or older licensed in the State of North Carolina. Since not all volunteers will qualify, the agency proposes to conduct 300 conversations (telephone or face-to-face depending on how the volunteer was recruited) with potential participants to yield 60 participants.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Record Keeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information—The 300 conversations will average 10 minutes in length including

introduction, qualifying questions, potential participant questions, logistical questions, scheduling if the volunteer qualifies, and conclusion. The estimated annual burden associated with qualifying participants will be 50.00 hours. The 60 participants included in the study will spend an estimated 150 hours in clinical and driving performance data collection activities (2.5 hours per participant), thus the total estimated annual burden will be 200 hours. Participants will incur no costs from the data collection, and participants will incur no record keeping burden and no record keeping cost from the information collection.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). Issued in Washington, DC, on **March 20, 2015**.

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